

House Bill 269

By: Representatives Davis of the 109th and Lakly of the 72nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 9 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mass
2 transportation, so as to provide for a referendum to approve funding for a commuter rail
3 project within or through a county or municipality; to provide for related matters; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 9 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to mass
8 transportation, is amended by adding a new Code section to the end of such chapter to read
9 as follows:

10 "32-9-13.

11 No county or municipality may provide funding for a commuter rail project established or
12 operated within or through such county or municipality for operation and maintenance
13 costs wholly or partially by fees, assessments, or taxes levied and collected within the
14 county or municipality, unless such project and funding are approved by a majority of the
15 qualified voters voting in a referendum in such county or municipality in a special election
16 which shall be called and conducted for that purpose by the election superintendent of such
17 county or municipality. The referendum question shall include the amount of funds
18 proposed to be provided by the county or municipality for the project."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.